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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of verifying taxes on a batch of customer telecommunications bills initially generated, and ultimately to be sent out, by an entity other than a telecommunications service provider, comprising the steps of:

downloading, from a mainframe computer, to a local server operated by the telecommunications service provider, billing data associated with customer accounts, the billing data having been used by the entity other than the telecommunications service provider to generate hold bills that are scheduled to be sent as customer bills to customers of the telecommunications service provider, the hold bills including hold bill tax charges that were independently calculated by the entity other than the telecommunications service provider;

populating a database with a portion of the billing data;

performing pre-calculation functions on another portion of the billing data and further populating the database with results of the pre-calculation functions;

displaying predetermined categories of information stored in the database the categories of information encompassing at least a subset of the results of the pre-calculation functions;

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